ral atmosphere of embargos and restrictions which operate even for commercial procurement of the items.

Fortification of Common Salt with Proteins etc.

1615. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research has been conducted by the research laboratories financed by Government to provide common salt, fortified with protein, vitamin and iodine, for the benefit of the common people affected by deficiency diseases;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what efforts have been made by Government to provide common salt, fortified with protein, vitamin, iodine etc. to the down trodden and economically weaker sections of the society, affected by deficiency diseases; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider the desirability of making available common salt, fortified with protein, vitamin, iodine etc. at a subsidised and reasonable cost, within the reach of the common people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, had conducted research regarding double fortification of salt with iron and iodine.

(b) The National Institute of Nutrition has developed a successful formula to fortify salt both with iron (1/mg) and iodine (40 ppm). All laboratory studies on stability, bioavailability have been completed and field trials are being undertaken.

(c) While the edible salt for the entire country is being iodised by 1992 in a phased manner, distribution of double fortified salt shall be considered only after the results of field trials are assessed to be satisfactory.

(d) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government of India.

Harassment of SC employees of Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy, Mussoorie

1616. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Scheduled Caste employees of Lal Bahadur Shastri Administrative Academy, Mussoorie, Dehradun made representation to Government against their harassment by the higher authority of the above Academy in 1988-89; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken on the said representation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. However, some representations were received on behalf of workers of the Mess Committee, who are not Government servants, against the orders of termination passed against them.

(b) The Director of the Academy satisfied himself that proper procedure has been followed by the Mess Committee in terminating the services of the six employees.

Termination of Six Scheduled Caste Low paid employees of Lal Bahadur Shastri Administrative Academy

1617. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six low paid Scheduled Caste employees of Lal Bahadur Shastri Administrative Academy, Mussoorie, Dehradun have been terminated from their service this year;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the terminated employees submitted any petition against their termination order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM). (a) No, Sir. However, in 1988 the Mess Committee of the Probationers dismissed 6 employees from service of whom 5 belonged to the Scheduled Castes. The Mess employees are not Government servants.

(b) The Mess Committee found them responsible for acts of indiscipline.

(c) No, Sir.

Objection of Joint Action Council of Service Doctors' Organisations

1618. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI M. S. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Joint Action Council of Service Doctors' Organisation has objected to Additional Secretary of Health, Mr. M. S. Dayal's letter published in the *Times of India* on July 3, 1989 to the effect that agitation was a collective termination in pursuit of collective loot;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under consideration.

संसदीय सौध स्थित चिकित्सा केन्द्र में चिकित्सीय विशेषज्ञों की वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था

1619. श्री अजीत जोगी :
ठाकुर जगतपाल सिंह :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि संसदीय सौध स्थित चिकित्सा केन्द्र में तैनात विशेषज्ञों के लम्बी छुट्टी पर चले जाने पर कोई वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था नहीं की जाती जिससे सभा सदस्यों को बड़ी असुविधा होती है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि इस वर्ष जुलाई में उक्त केन्द्र में तैनात दस्त चिकित्सा विशेषज्ञ लम्बी छुट्टी पर थे और इस संबंध में कोई वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था नहीं की गई ; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार भविष्य में वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था करने का विचार रखती है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) और (ख) साधारणतया संसद सौध के चिकित्सा केन्द्र से संबद्ध किसी विशेषज्ञ के छुट्टी पर जाने की दशा में वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था की जाती है । इस केन्द्र में तैनात दंत सर्जन चिकित्सा की छुट्टी के दौरान प्रशासनिक कठिनाइयों के कारण कोई भी वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था नहीं की जा सकी ।

(ग) जी, हां ।

Retesting of Homoeopathic Drugs

1620. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all homoeopathic products purchased by the Central Government have to be tested at Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia Laboratory, Ghaziabad;

(b) if so, under what provision of law it is done and what remedial steps have been laid down for re-testing of such products under the Drugs and Cosmetic Act;

(c) whether Government have made any provision for re-testing of the products at other place if an appeal is made by the manufacturer against the tests conducted at Ghaziabad; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?